

Nearby Elections.

The Republicans carried three of the four wards in Montclair, a very tight vote being polled. The only Democrat saved from the wreck were Dr. Henry F. Lehrmann for Councilman and Joseph Kennedy for the Board of Education in the Fourth Ward. Lehrmann's majority over Hiram Everett, his Republican opponent, was ninety-four, the vote being: Lehrmann 289 and Everett 195. Kennedy beat Charles Williams by eighty-one majority.

There was a light vote in Nutley, only 545 ballots being cast out of a registry of 960. Councilman William F. Dittig, as an independent Republican candidate, defeated Burton C. Sanders, the party's regular nominee, for member of Town Council from the Second Ward by a vote of 14 to 10. His large majority was not expected, even by his supporters, it is said, and many looked for a close contest. Hugh Halliday, Democrat, received only seven votes.

In North Caldwell borough there was only one ticket in the field, the Citizens', and little interest was manifested. The following officers were chosen: Councilmen, William J. Henderson and Francis Francioso; Commissioner of Appeals, Jonathan B. Davenport.

The election in West Orange resulted in almost a clean sweep for the Citizens' party, for, with two exceptions, the entire ticket was elected by a substantial majority. The losses occurred in the First Ward, where Philip McLaughlin, the Citizens' candidate, was defeated by Lawrence Helchel, the People's choice for Councilman for one year, and the contest for Board of Education for three years, where Orville E. Freeman, the People's candidate, was re-elected over James B. Westervelt.

Mr. Schleich's Charges.

In this issue of the CITIZEN will be found a letter from Daniel Schleich, the defeated Republican candidate for Councilman in the Second Ward, in which Mr. Schleich set forth the charges that brought about his defeat. His charge that he was asked to pledge himself in advance of election day to vote for a certain fixed sum for schools in the event of his election was a serious aspect to his utterance. It is a matter of regret that Mr. Schleich does not go farther into this matter and give the public some insight as to who is forcing school matters into politics to such an extent. There has been much talk in the Third Ward of influence at work in the interest of the public schools, which was of a kind not calculated to preserve a harmonious feeling among the people with respect to school matters.

Water Rates.

The new rules and regulations governing the newly acquired water department were presented and formally adopted by the East Orange City Council Monday night. The Water Committee is to have the rules printed in pamphlet form and the Ordinance Committee is to draft an ordinance which will include the provisions contained in the rules. For one house, including one family, the rate is fixed at \$5.00, and for two families \$10.00. Three families using one faucet must pay \$14. The price of water by meter is put at \$2.25 per 1,000 cubic feet. Borens, factories, public stables, aquariums, yard fountains, photograph galleries, laundries, churches using water motor, greenhouses, bath for public use, schools, public schools and public buildings, water for fire extinguishing apparatus, ejectors and steam boilers for power purposes must be metered.

More Money for Schools.

The Orange Board of Education has made up the estimate of moneys needed for the running expenses of the schools for the next school year. This amount is \$92,500, including \$4,250 for manual training, and the State appropriations will amount to \$43,415.76, leaving \$49,084.24 to be raised by taxation, a practical increase of \$7,000 over the amount raised last year. Since the Stokes and McKee laws have been operated under, the Orange Common Council has ignored mandates of the Board of Estimate, and cut down the school appropriation \$2,000 each of the three years past. The estimates, the School Board members say, are so carefully calculated that if the full appropriation authorized by the Board of Estimate had been raised the schools would have been managed satisfactorily and without any floating indebtedness.

BOARD OF TRADE.

FIRST ANNUAL BANQUET HELD ON THURSDAY NIGHT.

A Large Gathering and a Good Time—Feasting, Speech-making and Singing—The People Who Were There and the Good Things They Had.

The members of the Board of Trade celebrated the first anniversary of that organization on Thursday night with a banquet at Achel Stetter's Hall, Newark. It was a largely attended affair, eighty-six people occupying seats at the banquet tables, and everybody present had a good time. A special trolley car carried the members of the organization to their destination. After coats and hats were disposed of a group picture of the assemblage was taken by flashlight, and then the procession formed for the banquet hall. An excellent menu was served, and the banquet tables were beautifully decorated. William F. Sutphen, President of the Board of Trade, presided, and seated with him at the table were Assemblyman Robert M. Boyd, Jr., of Montclair, and Edward M. Cole of East Orange, the guests of the evening, and Vice-President James H. Moore, Treasurer Charles R. Underwood, Secretary Peter J. Quinn, and former President Thomas McGowan. At the conclusion of the menu cigars were passed around, and speech-making was in order. President Sutphen made the opening address. He spoke briefly of the organization and its field of work. Robert M. Boyd, Jr., told of the experience of a member of the Legislature. Edward M. Cole talked on "Good Citizenship." John F. Dillon, the humorist, sang songs and told humorous stories, affording much amusement. Mr. Dillon also led the chorus singing, and the following selections were sung: "America," "Dolly Gray," "Down where the Wurzburger flows," "Good Old Summer Time," "Nancy Brown," "Bill Bailey," "Auld Lang Syne."

The menu was as follows:

MEAT.
Oyster Cocktail, Pickles.
Celery, Olives.
Mockturtle à la Anglaise.
Baked shrimp à la Maitre d'hotel.
New Potatoes.
Chicken Liver Fattis à la financière.
Green Peas.
Sorbets à la Cardinal.
Cigarettes.
Philadelphia Turkey, stuffed.
Cranberry Sauce, mixed salad.
Ice Cream, Cake, Fruit.
Cafe au lait.

The following persons were present:

Joseph H. Tryon, William L. Johnson, John Lawrence, Arthur Leithausser, Eugene L. Cadmus, T. Howell Johnson, W. W. Schouler, Frank H. Baker, Frederic M. Davis, William A. Baldwin, H. B. Sheldon, J. M. Mann, M. Morris, H. H. White, C. H. Halfpenny, M. N. Higgins, Leopold Bloch, F. C. Bucher, Augustus Ashbey, Robert D. Booth, Jesse C. Green, James H. Moore, John F. Dillon, W. M. Epler, E. B. Budd, C. W. Philbrick, Fred E. Heckel, Charles F. Koehler, James C. Brown, Herbert C. Farrand, William B. Raso, C. A. Harrington, George Peterson, Samuel G. Hayter, A. H. Oimsted, Harry L. Osborne, John N. Delhagen, Silas P. Cummings, William A. Ritscher, Jr., Charles C. Ferguson, Thomas Hallinan, Joseph A. Ginnon, Frank B. Stone, Franklin A. Stone, Charles L. Seibert, Hendrik G. Lamb, Peter J. Quinn, Frederic E. Langstroth, Joseph R. Maxfield, George M. Cadmus, Thomas B. Matthews, Arthur Russell, Hugh D. King, Edward A. Farmer, W. W. Brack, C. L. Taylor, Horatio B. Nichols, John A. Glanier, William Bizzart, Matthew McCrudden, Cornelius Cadmus, Fred J. O'Brien, William V. Hughes, Edward M. Cole, Robert M. Boyd, Thomas McGowan, Charles R. Underwood, Henry C. Doherty, Charles W. Chabot, J. B. Conlan, Nora Hampton, David Lyall, William E. Chancellor, George W. Heath, Thomas Agnew, Jr., Alfred H. Edgerly, Seymour P. Gilbert, Joseph Fairbanks, Lewis N. Dodd, Samuel Elinor, N. H. Dodd, George Hummel, R. W. Cornelson, Samuel W. Boardman, Jr.

The Lesson of the Banquet.

In both a political and material sense the Board of Trade banquet, held on Thursday night, ought to prove productive of much benefit to the town. It was a gathering of citizens interested in a common cause, and that interest, divested of all partisan and sectional prejudices which tend to warp people's judgment when exercising action in local affairs under the excitement attending political contests. In the addresses made by the speakers of the evening there was much theorizing about the blessings flowing from non-partisan action on the part of citizens in the administration of local matters and under the inspiration of the surroundings the non-partisan doctrine preached, appeared to find a warm reception in many breasts. If the impression made proves lasting and effective, some remarkable transformations may occur here in the administration of public affairs, and those who have been trying of late to force partisan politics into every department of local government, not excluding the schools, may find their efforts rebuked by a formidable public sentiment.

President Sutphen's arraignment of the reporters who send sensational stories to the New York newspapers, and thereby, in his estimation, do an incalculable injury to the town, was perhaps

a trifle too serious. Bloomfield is no exception to any other place among the New York suburbs that suffer from the romancing style of news now popular with the most widely read papers. Only the most credulous people believe any of the stuff published in such papers. The practice of romancing has become so prevalent, and the fact that so much of the so-called news is so well known to be simply exaggerated accounts of trifles, that the effect of it has long ago been destroyed, and people read it only to laugh.

The Bloomfield Board of Trade was an experiment, and as President Sutphen said, there was a feeling in the community that there should be some kind of a restoration to the people of the loss met with in the passing of the annual town meeting. One object in view in organizing the Board of Trade was to fill that public need. It must be confessed that thus far the prospect for success has not been very sanguine. But Thursday night's banquet no doubt brought many people to a realization of the benefits and privileges of the organization and a keener and closer interest in the Board of Trade is likely to result from the banquet, as Mr. Cole rightly said, in the Board of Trade the people of Bloomfield enjoyed a combination of all the elements that make for good government.

It was also pointed out that the work of the Board could best be accomplished by a concentration of energy upon single and particular objects until they were accomplished. Some of the meetings of the Board of Trade have been marked by a diffusion of talk and energy over a wide range of subjects. Such a policy of course has to be borne with in a new organization.

It is hoped that the inspiration of the banquet will result in a new impulse to the Board and an increase in its membership. Mr. Cole pointed out that the easily besetting sin in all municipalities was political laziness. In the ordinary discussion of public affairs people are apt to divide on partisan lines. A Board of Trade is a corrective remedy for that weakness, and also a stimulus to public interest in public affairs, and if those people who do not desire to be involved in the cares and duties of public office will attend Board of Trade meetings where public questions can be discussed with all the amiable pleasure of a social gathering. The town, no doubt, will be benefited by their influence and counsel.

Narrow Escape.

What came near being an accident similar to that which occurred at the Clifton Avenue crossing in Newark, was avoided Thursday night at the Bloomfield Avenue crossing of the Lackawanna Railroad in Montclair, by the prompt action of the flagman there. As a Caldwell trolley car, west-bound, approached the tracks the power gave out on the trolley wire, and the car slid down the incline toward the railroad and on the tracks. At that time the 7 o'clock train from Montclair station was due, and the passengers on the trolley car could hear its rumbling as it approached. The flagman also evidently realized the danger, and, leaving the trolley car crew to care for it, rushed up the railroad track and succeeded in signaling the train, which was stopped only half a block from the crossing. The trolley car was crowded with passengers, and the slaughter would have been fearful had the train hit the car.

Legal Action Threatened.

The Belleville Health Board officials again threaten to begin legal proceedings against the city of Orange over an alleged dangerous nuisance suffered in a part of that town, and caused by the union outlet sewer which carries the sewage from Orange, this town, Montclair and Glen Ridge to the Passaic River. At a meeting of the Belleville Board of Health on Tuesday night, it was decided to notify the authorities of Orange that unless measures be taken to fulfill its agreement with the township relative to the proper maintenance of the Orange sewer receiving basin on the south bank of Second River, proceedings will be taken against that municipality. The matter was brought before the Board by Commissioner Breen, who told of a recent visit to the receiving basin and of the condition in which it was found. A citizen had called his attention to a sewage in Second River, and in view of the fact that portion of it was pouring into the stream from the overflow pipe of the basin. A more important discovery was made, however, when near the bridge at the foot of Quarry Street another overflow outlet into the stream was found. Sewage was flowing heavily from this, and Mr. Breen said he was satisfied that further investigation would disclose the fact that other outlets would be found further up stream.

As warm weather was approaching, the commissioner thought measures should be taken at once to compel Orange to abide by its agreement with the township when the receiving basin was built.

Commissioner Boylan said that when the matter was agitated last year an abatement of the nuisance was promised, and plans were supposed to have been drawn up for whatever work was necessary. Shortly afterward, however, there had been a change in the Board. After much discussion Mr. Breen's motion was adopted.

Hartford Guaranteed Tires \$2.50 at Smith's, 25 Broad Street.—Adv.

Banquet Echoes.

That Bloomfielders are up to date was amply demonstrated Thursday night. "Down where the Wurzburger flows," is one of the latest songs, but it was surprising how many present could join in it without copy.

Not a few of those present will look for the "combination" when that flash light picture is shown.

Mr. Cole was voted A No. 1, as a story teller.

From some remarks made at the banquet the next census will be looked forward to with much interest.

Assemblyman Boyd may have made some one less than happy, but his Bloomfield constituency gave him a warm vote of friendship Thursday night.

A Third Ward and a First Ward man peacefully divided a dish of olives between them.

Vice-President Moore had the deep sympathy of some of his friends down by the piano.

Secretary Quinn astonished some of his friends Thursday night by his familiarity with the intricacies of Achel Stetter's.

Sociability was the word Thursday night and people who were striving to down one another Tuesday again lapped the hand of friendship Thursday night.

Mr. Dillon was quick to catch on to the little game put up at the end of the table near the piano to anticipate a part of his musical programme.

Town Surveyor A. H. Oimsted was the only one present at the banquet to receive a testimonial. It was of glass.

The spirit of Old Essex was in evidence at the banquet.

There is some talk of a copyright suit between Mr. Lawrence and Mr. Dillon. Mr. Dillon varied it a little by making it \$5 down instead of \$4.

Minstrels To-night.

A minstrel show, in preparation for which some twenty-odd young men of this town have been rehearsing for the past two months, will be given at Central Hall this Saturday evening at 8.15 o'clock. Mr. John F. Dillon has been conducting the rehearsal. The performance will be unique in many ways, although the traditions of the old-time minstrel show so dear to the memories of Bloomfielders will be respected, and in many ways carried out, and the best has been maintained. Only the gross and coarser portions of the old-time minstrel will be abandoned. As much as possible the Jim Crow effect will be found lacking, and it is felt that nothing has been lost.

The performers, with three exceptions, are Bloomfielders. In the three instances where out of town men are utilized, we find that two of that number were former citizens of this town. Every one connected with the performance has thrown himself earnestly and assiduously into the work of preparing for this show, and it should not be forgotten that the performance will be given on such a scale as to render the financial returns only sufficient, if not inadequate, to defray the expenses involved in its production.

For the first part there will be the semicircle, including four end men and the interlocutor, but it will by no means be the conventional semicircle. Far from it. It will be artistically novel, and the background and general settings for this scene are designed to be most impressive. Several effects, it is learned, are calculated to surprise the audience into applause if that be necessary. The end men will be quite up to date, and Mr. W. H. Sheldon, the genial interlocutor, is sure to be a most effective foil. The end men are: Bones, Messrs. Benjamin F. Mitchell and Eugene Le Roy Cadmus; tambos, Messrs. Addison Roubaud and Lawrence Perry. In the semicircle will be the Pierian Quartette consisting of E. G. Ward, Jr., Elmer B. Roubaud, Minard Roubaud and G. W. Cook, and Messrs. Montgomery, Duffield, Van Liew, Boyd, Woodward, Beach, Scott, Egbert, and William Cadmus, Reeves, White and Ferrie. There will be the usual fund of merry jokes, songs, comic and sentimental, inspiring choruses and skilful dancing. There is no doubt but that this first act will go off with a bang. Following this great first act will be a program full of interesting, amusing and entertaining features.

Messrs. Duffield and Van Liew will appear in a side-splitting automobile act; the Pierian Quartette will carry us for the while from Central Hall to an Alabama plantation; the Jolly Eight will sing of Polly Pry and her ways, the whole to conclude with the Darktown Fair, in which the entire cast will participate. Between the acts Brooks and Benton, baritone, will play.

Bloomfielders should welcome and support this minstrel show, for it is many years since the young men of our town have got one up. We have many glad memories of the old shows in days ago, and memories too, for where are those who used to make us laugh so then? John Chambers, Nelson Hayes, Lincoln Newton, bright and merry fellows, are gone now. Others of their line have moved away or have grown old. Yes, only the memories are left. Tonight those memories are to be revived, to be made alive.

Banquet Funs.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: Echoes from the Banquet published last week just seem to have re-echoed themselves, as one hits upon one or more groups of those who were present.

Tryon times for Dillon, says one, and he came out all right.

Yes, said another sharply, he did not Lyall the time for there was lack as well as fancy in his sketches.

It was Sauterne that a gift was made to Oimsted.

Howell Johnson and the seating at the end of the table kept Dillon and he go has been related. There was not a Mann at that end who did not know "em as well as he did. Where do they go to Sunday-school?

In the language of the Waterworks it was really a matter of time.

No Hullabaloo being personal, but Johnson's little and Schouler ought to do it together. You may block my way, but they (Johnson) would do it up Brown at the Central.

But say, the President was just immense. He seemed, so to speak, to be on his native Heath, and in your imagination you could almost see him standing upon the Fairbanks of the Yanticaw River as he made his salient points upon the necessities of Bloomfield.

There's Sutphen doing and Moore to follow; you can see the Budd(s) of promise now.

Really it seems so easy I Hayter say it, but did you get on to the Quinn essence of an immaculate White swell front our Secretary last?

It was nice and pleasant to Brock bread with so many of our own class.

Cumming to look them over there was the King who sat down with the Baker, Taylor and Farmer. And did we not have our first Counselor with John Lawrence looking as dignified as the Admiral of old on his frigate in Hampton Roads?

Then there was the Lamb gambolling on the Green with the Cole.

Oh! the Agnew(s) of it all with three different kinds of Cadmus root.

Then there was Cornell's son and Peter's son George and John's son William.

It is Farrand right to say Godlove Seibert as he may. There was a Phil(drick) being stuffed with Torbet.

When the end came it was a Rash(ie) that pushed for the clock room.

S. G. HAYTER.

What Bloomfield Needs.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE CITIZEN:

SIR: The remarks of speakers at the Board of Trade banquet were exceedingly good, and while the exhortation of Mr. Cole to take up one line of action and follow it to a successful conclusion is proper and right with some matters, I think there is considerable fallacy in that line of argument. Rather let this body of men follow their chosen leader and all do something.

The fact that the Board of Trade has awakened a public interest in the good old town is of itself valuable. Let every property owner cast himself about and ask himself, what can I personally do that will help improve the town? It may be that he has room for one or two shade trees on the curb line. Possibly you may not have a curbstone for a line.

Years may be the time in the line of Babylonian sidewalk on your street; or it may be that the love for a noble old tree has lifted your sidewalk all out of line, so that when the rains fall pedestrians have to wade.

You may not be just as particular as you could be about your courtyard. There may be a fence you never seem to get up to repair—if only done would just add to the general appearance of the street. These are just heaps of things that each individual can do by himself that don't take so much time or cost so very much money.

What Bloomfield wants just at this time is a rivalry among the neighborhoods, and for each individual, whether only a favorite lodger, to do something to help beautify the town. The Board of Trade could by concerted action have our railroad stations made more attractive, and a suggestion to our most excellent Town Council that the avenues of approach to these places be kept clean and tidy. I am sure, would meet with favorable consideration.

I am sure that ash barrels which never seem to have been emptied are neither useful nor ornamental. These are all trivial things, Mr. Editor; the putting of flowers in that triangular park at the Centre (until our soldiers' monument is erected) and all else I have mentioned does not need concerted action, and sometimes this is the hardest thing to do, to do it ourselves.

Respectfully, J. M.